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SUBJECT: ZULULAND UNIVERSITY CLOSED

REF: (A) DURBAN 331; (B) DURBAN A-36

1. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZULULAND CLOSED THE SCHOOL JUNE 5 FOR FIVE WEEKS. ACCORDING TO THE SCHOOL'S WHITE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, THE DECISION WAS TAKEN BY THE BLACK RECTOR, PROFESSOR NKABINDE, AS A RESULT OF STUDENT UNREST OVER SEVERAL ISSUES WHICH CULMINATED IN A STUDENT RALLY JUNE 4 IN DIRECT DEFINANCE OF ABAN ON SUCH MEETINGS NKABINDE HAD IMPOSED SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE (REF A). ACCORDING TO THE PR OFFICER THE FACTORS WHICH LED TO THE RALLY AND SLOSURE INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF EXPULSION OF PREGNANT STUDENTS, ALLEGED STRICTNESS IN GRADING IN THE SCIENCE FACULTY, A DEMAND FOR A REDUCTION IN THE WEIGHT GIVEN TO SEMESTER EXAMS IN OVERALL GRADING, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE RESIGNATION OF THE WIDELY-RESPECTED DEAN OF STUDENTS, DR. S.M. BENGU ON JUNE 2.

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ACCORDING TO DR. BENGU POLICE AND "SOLDIERS" (HE COULD HAVE MEANT SECURITY POLICE IN CAMOUFLAGE) MOVED INTO CAMPUS MORNING OF JUNE 5 TO ENSURE STUDENTS PEACEFULLY LEFT CAMPUS. THE SCHOOL IS TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL JULY 10 WHEN IT WILL REOPEN FOR COMPLETION OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACADEMIC SEMESTER THUS IT WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOWETO DISTURBANCES OF 1976, A FACTOR WHICH COULD HAVE

WEIGHED IN THE THINKING OF THE RECTOR ANDSADMINISTRATION  
IN DECIDING TO CLOSE NOW.

2. COMMENT: THE RECTOR'S ACTIONS REFLECT HIS APPARENT  
INABILITY TO COME TO TERMS WITH HIS PREDOMINANTLY WHITE  
FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION ON ONE HAND AND BLACK STUDENT  
BODY ON THE OTHER. CLOSING NOW ONLY POSTPONES, BUT DOES NOTHING  
TO RESOLVE, THE BASIC ISSUES OR REVERSE THE INCREASING DIS-  
TRUST OF THE RECTOR AND ADMINISTRATION BY THE STUDENTS. THE  
PROBLEMS ARE VERY LIKELY TO CONTINUE AFTER THE HOLIDAY AND  
FURTHER DISTURBANCES ARE POSSIBLE.  
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